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MAY DROP SHONTS AS HEAD OF INTERBORO \$63,000 NOON ROBBERY DOWNTOWN

BANKERS SAID TO PLAN NEW INTERBORO PRESIDENT WHO IS IN HYLAN'S FAVOR

Mayor Will Not Discuss 7-Cent Fares With Shonts—Want a Man Now With Whom Mayor Hylan Will Talk.

Albany has turned a deaf ear to the Interborough's seven-cent fare plea. All the careful acceleration promoted among the up-State traction companies to bring political pressure to the support of the Martin bill has resulted in failure. The Martin bill is dead beyond possible resurrection by a prodigally financed lobby.

The Interboro bankers have decided on a radical shift in policy. The plan is to fawn on the Hylan Administration, to re-open negotiations and impress the Mayor with the city's interest in an increase in fares.

Theodore P. Shonts, the \$30,000 a year President of the Interboro, has "schemed and shifted" himself out of favor at the City Hall, and Shonts may be out of the Interboro within a few days. There have been big power struggles among the bankers and directors of the Interboro and Shonts may be shoved aside as president—though he will probably be cared for in another capacity—to make room for an official on more friendly terms with the Mayor.

This information is not mere rumor. A representative of the J. P. Morgan firm—in fact, a member of the firm—has sounded out several prominent friends of Hylan with the view of inducing one of the number to accept the presidency of the Interboro. "Al" Johnson, former City Chamberlain, and Nathan Hirsch of the Mayor's Tax Committee, have been two of the men considered, if they have not been approached. Not one of the men mentioned has had any railroad experience. The Interboro has a full crew of railroad men. A man of influence at the Hall and elsewhere is the one sought.

Mayor Hylan has refused to further discuss the 7-cent fare proposition with Shonts. The several meetings between the two men resulted in more or less violent misunderstandings. The Interboro bankers are seeking a man with whom the Mayor will confer on the plan. The Interboro's hope is in the City Hall. But Mayor Hylan has publicly iterated and reiterated his opposition to the 7-cent fare and the inspiration of the new scheme being hatched by the banking crowd is puzzling the Street and the politicians.

Mr. Hylan's deep seated antipathy to Shonts has been revealed in a recent investigation of the traction activities of the head of the Interboro conducted at the instigation of the Mayor. A number of hearings have been held. Mr. Shonts has been called and examined.

MARINE WORKERS ACCEPT OFFER TO END PORT STRIKE

Men on Boats of Railroad Administration Likely to Return to Work To-Morrow.

Settlement of the harbor strike was apparent late this afternoon when T. V. O'Connor, President of the International Longshoremen's Union, announced that the offer of the Railroad Administration to the strikers had been accepted.

"It would not surprise me," he said, after attending the meeting of the strike leaders with James L. Hughes, Federal Conciliator, and heads of the railroads, "to see the men return to work to-morrow on all the boats operated by the railroads."

Acceptance of the Railroad Administration proposal means that 40 per cent. of the boats in the harbor, including all the ferry boats, will resume operations.

John Brennan, President of the Tidewater Boatmen's Union, announced that his organization has unreservedly accepted the offer of the Railroad Administration.

This union has a membership of 4,000 and represents one-third of the strikers. They have been granted a 12-hour day and an increase of from \$100 to \$110 a month, with an extra \$1.50 a night for duty as watchmen when boats are loaded.

THUG BEAT HIM AND TOOK PACKAGE OF SECURITIES, MESSENGER TELLS POLICE

\$49,000 Liberty Bonds and Other Valuables Stolen at No. 61 Broadway.

Liberty Bonds and other securities to the total value of \$49,000 were stolen at noon to-day from Milton Strom, seventeen years old, a messenger for the brokerage firm of L. M. Prince & Co., No. 29 Broad Street.

The boy was lured by a trick to an unfrequented stairway at No. 61 Broadway, according to his story to the police, and was there knocked down and robbed.

The missing securities are described as follows:

Liberty Bonds	\$49,000
Certified check of J. P. Morgan & Co.	5,800
Bond of Virginia Chemical	1,000
New York Central shares	5,000

The boy received a scalp wound, which was dressed at the Broad Street Hospital. There he told the following story to detectives:

"At 12:30 o'clock I was given two packages to deliver. The first was 100 shares of Chesapeake & Ohio for Joseph Walker & Co., sixth floor, No. 61 Broadway. I made that delivery and went out to the elevator.

"Both packages had been placed in a leather bag. I was holding this bag in my hand and standing near the elevator shaft when a well dressed young fellow, about twenty-two years old, I should judge, came up to me and asked me the address of a certain brokerage firm. I told him it was somewhere further down Broadway.

"I'll bet you're wrong," he said to me. "I'll bet it's in this building and I think it's on the fourth floor. Come on down and I'll show you."

"I started to walk down with him. Of course there was nobody on the stairs because everybody uses the elevators. But this fellow said we might as well walk because it was only two floors. On a landing between the fifth and ninth floors he hit me on the head, grabbed the bag and ran. I don't remember running after him and yelling 'Stop thief.' I don't know how far I ran, but pretty soon I fell down. That's all I know."

REDS IN BERLIN ISOLATE POLICE STATION IN FIGHT

Many Killed in Street Battles—Ebert Refuses Scheidemann's Resignation.

COPENHAGEN, March 7.—Police Headquarters in Berlin, which has been besieged by the Spartacists for two days, was cut off from all communication with other Government forces in the German capital late Thursday, when the Spartacists cut the telephone wires, according to a telegram from Berlin. Eight persons were killed and a number wounded in the fighting there Thursday.

The Police Headquarters Building has been damaged severely in the heavy fighting, the Spartacists having used machine guns and artillery.

AMSTERDAM, March 7.—Chancellor Scheidemann has handed his resignation to President Ebert to enable the President to have a free hand to deal with the present situation, according to the Zeitung am Mittag of Berlin. Ebert declined to accept the resignation and requested Scheidemann and the Cabinet to remain in office.

BERLIN, Thursday, March 6 (United Press).—Street fighting has broken out with renewed violence. After the rebels appeared to have been crushed and radical leaders admitted defeat, the Spartacists rallied. Many Republican Guards were wounded in the street fighting in various parts of the city. The scenes of disorder, however, were still widely scattered.

Attacks of Government troops on the rebels are progressing favorably, it was officially announced to-day.

The situation Thursday afternoon indicates that the measures taken by the Government are making successful progress. Attacks upon the Spartacists are progressing favorably. The Prefecture of Police is still surrounded, but it will be liberated soon.

The naval division taken over by the rebels has been disarmed.

COBLENZ, Thursday, March 6 (Associated Press).—The disturbances in Berlin and other parts of unoccupied Germany have resulted in such an increase in the number of civilians eager to reach the bridgehead area, where conditions are more normal, that the American forces of occupation have been compelled to take steps to prevent Germans from all parts of the country overrunning the occupied zone along the Rhine.

O'RYAN SOLDIERS VISIT CITY; PARADE DATE FIXED TO-DAY

BATTLE RECORD OF 27TH 42 1-2 PER CENT. LOSS; TOTAL CASUALTIES 7,262

Martin Green's Comprehensive Survey of Division's Engagements Gives Official Figures, Embracing All Activities of New York Infantrymen.

By Martin Green
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World Who Returned With the 27th.)

Herewith is a condensed but comprehensive list of the battle casualties in all the units of the 27th Division in all the actions in which the division was engaged from the time it went into battle for the first time, co-operating with English, Australian and Canadian forces, on July 9 until it retired, with a record of reaching all its objectives and going beyond some of them, on Oct. 21. The 27th engaged in eight distinct encounters with the enemy in three months and a half, and its greatest losses were sustained in breaking the Hindenburg line in the sector assigned to it on Sept. 29 and 30.

The division lost 60 officers and 1,435 men killed or died of wounds, 142 officers and 5,195 men wounded or gassed, three officers and 251 men missing and two officers and 174 men captured by the Germans. The total casualties were 207 officers and 7,055 men. It is safe to assume that few of the men missing will ever turn up. Officers and men who went through the campaign tell of the impossibility of identifying the remains of numerous victims of German shell fire because of the absence of identification marks and the mutilated condition of the bodies.

At no time during its service on the British front did the 27th muster its full strength, 27,000 men, for it never had its artillery, its ammunition train, its supply train or its sanitary train. Missing units were supplied by the British, and all artillery support was British. The strength of the 27th, when it went into action in July, was about 17,000 men, and this number was cut down by the necessity for keeping up a service of supplies from the rear.

But on a basis of actual strength of 17,000 men at the beginning of active participation in the final advance on the Germans, the 27th Division losses aggregated 42 1/2 per cent. There is no available basis of comparison by which the percentage of casualties in other divisions of the American expeditionary forces can be checked up, but memory recalls that Henry Allen of Kansas emitted a roar which was heard from the Rocky Mountains to Washington over what he claimed was the criminal percentage of losses suffered by the 27th Division—Kansas and Missouri—which he claimed was 25 per cent.

The 27th Division is not complaining about its percentage of casualties; neither is it boasting. The figures establish that New York's National Guard outfit, although separated by a wide stretch of country from all the great American force, with the excep-

Many 27th Division Soldiers at Camps Merritt and Mills Get Passes After Sanitation Process—Others Get Leaves Later—O'Ryan and Aides Arrange Welcome Details.

The date for the event that all New York is awaiting—the parade of the 27th Division—will be announced this afternoon.

Major Gen. O'Ryan has been in conference for several hours with Col. Kincaid, head of the Advance Detachment, which came home early to help prepare the welcome. It was promised that the date of the parade would be announced at the close of this conference.

New York heroes of the 27th Division literally went home to-day. Hundreds of members of the 105th, 106th and 107th Infantry Regiments and the 105th Machine Gun Battalion came to the city from Camps Merritt and Mills on leaves and many happy family reunions were held.

The men had been rushed through the sanitation process at the camp. They were instructed to return in order that other thousands might come to the city to-morrow and Sunday.

Twelve thousand men of the division are at Camps Merritt and Mills. The greater part is quartered at Mills, the First and Second Battalions of the 107th (old 7th New York) and the 108th Infantry being at Camp Merritt. The Third Battalion and Machine Gun and Supply Companies of the 107th Infantry are due Sunday on the New Amsterdam and will join their comrades at Camp Merritt.

More 27th Division men left Brest on March 3 on the Agamemnon. The New Yorkers on board are Companies E and F, Sanitary Detachment and Supply and Headquarters Companies of the 24 Battalion of the 105th Engineers, 19 officers and 395 men. The ship is due March 12. The Engineers will go to Camp Upton to join the other 1,100 men of the regiment, who arrived some time ago.

On the Hollandia, which also left Brest on March 3, is the 102d Field Battalion Signal Corps complete, 11 officers and 477 enlisted men.

After their long trip across the Atlantic and hours on ferryboats and trains, the tired soldiers grumbled a little when they heard the order to turn out for bath, two hours after they reached camp from the Loviathan and Mauretania.

But when they learned they were to be given leaves of absence as soon as they had gone through, there was a rush.

In some mysterious way the news reached a detachment of the 196th half way between the camp gate and barracks, and the officers marched the men straight to the sanitary plant and put them through before going to quarters, thus saving many hours.

It was just twenty minutes to 7 when the Headquarters Company, 105th Infantry, at the head of the column, led by Col. Franklin W. Ward and guided by Capt. L. Darrow of the Camp Mills liaison service, swung through the gate of the camp. It had been a three-mile hike, and the soldiers with their heavy packs declared it ten miles that.

When they reached barracks they found fires blazing in the furnaces and cooks at work in the kitchens. As each company arrived a detail of kitchen police was assigned to serve the hungry doughboys. The first detail to have dinner ready consisted of Corp. Thomas O'Connor, Schenectady; Joseph Rotger, No. 236 Southern Boulevard, Bronx; J. Linacott, Schenectady; E. T. Hustis, Whitehall.

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